

WEEKLY UPDATE #6 – MAY 7 – MAY 14, 2017

May is here, and suddenly there are blooms and scents aplenty. What is there to see? What is out? What will be out soon? One aim of this Weekly Update is to alert Guides to some 'highlight' destination plants that you may want to include in your tour. Some of these plants are also in other locations.

PLANTS OF NOTE ON FRIDAY 5TH MAY, 2017

Poppies

- Himalayan blue poppy (*Meconopsis betonicifolia*)
Bed 121E - Top of Meconopsis Dell

Strongly Scented Plants

- Korean Spice Viburnum (*Viburnum carlesii* 'Compactum')
Bed 25 near entrance, big bush with white flowers Woodland Garden bark path facing Visitor Centre ramp – Be aware of the fragile plants under the bush!
- Loderi Rhododendrons (Various cultivars, various colours)
Bed 90B (Behind Minotaur sculpture, along bark path on left side.
- *Magnolia cavaleriei* var. *Platypetala*
Bed 48S Behind bench facing the hydrangea collection on the Rhodo Walk, near to the top of the Azalea Trail – white flowers.
- Prunus (Sato-zakura Group) 'Jo-nioi' ('Jo-nioi' translates as Supreme Scent)
Bed 73 (Uphill of the hydrangea collection on the Rhodo Walk) – white flowers.
- Fragrant snowball (*Viburnum x carlcephalum*) White balls of tiny flowers.
Bed 141 Peony bed on Great Lawn. Those in Bed 48S (Near bottom of Rhodo Walk – on right going uphill) may open next week.

Cherries (Great Lawn)

- Prunus (Sato-zakura Group) 'Jo-nioi' – As above in 'Strongly Scented Plants'
- Prunus (Sato-zakura Group) 'Shiro-fugen' ('White Buddha' – Look for the 'elephant's trunk' in the flower – Fugen always shown atop a white elephant)
Bed 73 Uphill of the hydrangea collection as above – on Great Lawn side of bed
- Prunus 'Shogetsu' – White flowers
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- Prunus (Sato-zakura Group) 'Ichiyo' (One leaf) – White flowers
Great Lawn near 'Toothpaste' sculpture
- Prunus (Sato-zakura Group) 'Ama-no-gawa' (Heaven's river) Tall, white column
Great Lawn near 'Toothpaste' sculpture
- Prunus (Sato-zakura Group) 'Royal Burgundy' Pink flowers, red leaves, new 2017
Great Lawn near 'Toothpaste' sculpture

Cherries (Autumn Stroll to Giant Sequoias)

- Prunus padus 'Watereri' Bird Cherry – long white spikes of flowers
Bed 107T Autumn Stroll opposite bamboos
- Prunus (Sato-zakura Group) 'Kanzan' (Bordering mountain) Pink flowers
Bed 107T Autumn Stroll opposite bamboos – middle of bed
Bed 60T opposite Giant Sequoias – three trees
- Prunus (Sato-zakura Group) 'Ukon' (Yellow, Turmeric)
Bed 107T Autumn Stroll opposite bamboos
- Prunus avium 'Plena' Avium plena or double-flowered sweet cherry – white flowers
Bed 107T Autumn Stroll opposite bamboos
- Prunus (Sato-zakura Group) 'Shirotae' Shirotae (White cloth) or Mt. Fuji cherry – white flowers
Bed 60T opposite Giant Sequoias – two trees

Others

- Japanese quince *Chaenomeles speciosa*
Various places and cultivars but especially in Bed 55 (Black Garden)
- Cyclamen repandum spring sowbread
Bed 65 Heather Garden – opposite Scottish Shelter

Events This Week

- Wed, May 10, 2017, 7:30 pm
Fraser River Estuary Important Bird Area, Present and Past
VanDusen Classroom – presenter David Bradley. By donation.
- Thu, May 11, 2017, 10 am Guide Education, welcoming former Guides
Designing with Ferns.
Floral Hall – presenter Janis Matson. Friday Guides are the hosts.
- Sat, May 13, 2017 2 – 3:30 pm
Bird Songs of the Boreal Forest: cradle for billions of song birds
VanDusen Classroom – presenter John Neville. By donation.
- Sat, May 13, 2017, 10 am
Bird Walk with Jeremy Gordon
Meet in the Visitor Centre Atrium.

Courses This Week¹

- Wed, May 10, 2017. 6 :30 - 8:30 pm
Spring Evening Garden Stroll with a Gardener (Casey Werfl)
Meet VanDusen Visitor Centre Atrium
- Thu, May 11, 2017, 6 :30 - 8:30 pm
Growing Plants without (much) Water (Egan Davis)
VanDusen Guides Classroom
- Sat, May 13, 10 am – 12:30 pm
All About Seeds (Jennifer Lipka)
VanDusen Guides Classroom

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During Patti Buchanan's absence over the next few weeks, please send any comments, suggestions for future 'Weekly Update' topics, questions etc. to Malcolm Hunter:
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¹ For full details see:
<http://vandusengarden.org/explore/events/#courses>